



# School Talk

## WEEKLY UPDATE!

October 8, 2021

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This is a reminder that this **Monday, October 11<sup>th</sup>** is **NO SCHOOL** for children.  
The school and the office will be closed.

### [October is Bullying Prevention Month](#)

**October is Bullying Prevention Month.** Students in all grades will be receiving lessons on how to "Recognize, Report and Refuse" bullying. Many times, students will say "I have been bullied" when it doesn't fit the following definition of bullying: ***Bullying is repeated meanness done on purpose and the person being bullied is not able to make it stop.***

We teach the children to report to a trusted adult. Refusal skills such as walking away or saying "Stop" are practiced during the classroom lessons. For more information about this topic can be found [here](#) on the MPSA website.

### Tissues for Teachers

Parents, if you are so inclined, please send in a box of tissues for your teacher. Also please check to make sure that you are **sending in extra masks** for your child in case theirs break or becomes soiled.

### Extended Day Update & Newsletter

Beginning on **Tuesday, October 12**, AM drop off and PM pick up for Extended Day will happen at **Door #5**, the car rider/walker door on **S. Highland Street**. If you are picking up your child before 4PM you must let Extended Day know – not the office/office staff – so that they can have your child ready to go since it will be right in the middle of dismissal. E-mails should go to [leslie.elgendi@apsva.us](mailto:leslie.elgendi@apsva.us) before 3PM, please.

**Introducing the new Extended Day Newsletter!** Copies were sent home with students but you can view the newsletter (in color) [here](#).

### Covid-19 Testing Locations in Arlington

Here are the sites in Arlington where you can get FREE Covid-19 testing.

#### **Resource Path at Kenmore Middle School (200 S. Carlin Springs Road)**

- Monday – Friday from 3:30PM to 7PM, Saturday 9AM to 1PM
- Test Types: RT-PCR with results in about 24 hours
- Requirements: No age restrictions; Arlington residency not required; no appointments required but recommended to help reduce wait times. [www.resourcepath.net](http://www.resourcepath.net)

#### **Curative Testing Kiosks**

- Arlington Mills Community Center (909 S. Carlin Springs Road)
- Courthouse Plaza Parking Lot (2088 15<sup>th</sup> Street N)
- Virginia Highlands Park (1600 S. Hayes Street)
  - Test Types: Viral tests (PCR or antigen) and antibody tests
  - Requirements: No age restrictions; Arlington residency not required; no appointments required but recommended to help reduce wait times. [www.curative.com](http://www.curative.com)

### MPSA Library Wish List

The **MPSA Library** has been in full swing with children coming in all day to do research and check out books. Our goal is to not only provide books and source material for your children, but to make the library a welcoming space for them to feel relaxed and comfortable in. We also do our best to provide activities and fun learning experiences for the classes who visit us.

If you'd like to help support us in these efforts to make library time a valued time for your children, we invite you to check out our **Amazon Wish List** [here](#). All the items on the wish list are going to be used to enhance their library experience and every item will be put to good use. Thank you in advance.

## **Music Notes**

Honors Ensemble auditions are coming up soon! If your child would like to participate, here is some helpful information:

### **Honors Chorus (5th grade only):**

- Tuesday, October 26 – 4:30-8:00 PM,
- Wednesday, October 27 – 4:00-7:30 PM, and
- Thursday, October 28 – 4:30-7:00 PM

Honors Chorus information page link: <https://www.apsva.us/arts-education-overview/elementary-school-honors-chorus/>

### **Junior Honors Band (grades 4-6):**

- Auditions are on Wednesday, November 10, 2021 – 4:30-7:00 PM, at Kenmore Middle School

Junior Honor band link: <https://www.apsva.us/arts-education-overview/jr-honors-band/>

### **Junior Honors Orchestra (grades 4-6):**

- Auditions are on Monday, November 8, 2021 – 5:00-7:30 PM, at Kenmore Middle School. In addition, there will be extra violin only slots between 4:00-5:00 PM

Junior Honors Orchestra link: <https://www.apsva.us/arts-education-overview/jr-honors-orchestra/>

## **Upcoming Dates**

- Monday, October 11 – **NO SCHOOL for students** (Office open)
- Thursday, October 21 – **Early Release/Parent Teacher Conferences** (Virtual)
- Friday, October 22 – **NO SCHOOL for students/Parent Teacher Conferences** (Virtual)

## **Keep in Touch**

- MPSA on APS: <https://montessori.apsva.us/>
- MPSA on Twitter: <https://twitter.com/MPSArlington>
- MPSA Library on Twitter: [https://twitter.com/MPSA\\_Library](https://twitter.com/MPSA_Library)
- Principal Genove on Twitter: <https://twitter.com/CSGenove>
- Arlington Montessori PTA: <http://acmpta.com/>
- Arlington Montessori Action Committee (AMAC): <http://www.arlingtonmontessori.org/>